GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Expenditure for Hospital Treatment
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the average expenditure for hospitalised treatment from a public hospital is less than that of private hospital in rural areas and about one third in urban areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons behind such a difference; and

(c) whether the Government has noticed inter-state variation in this regard, if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) & (b): According to the report 'Health in India' brought out by National Sample Survey Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation based on NSS 71st Round (January − June, 2014), average total medical expenditure per hospitalisation case (excluding child birth) for public hospital is about one fourth than that of private hospital in rural areas and less than one fourth in urban areas. Further, average total medical expenditure per hospitalised childbirth for public hospital is about one tenth as that for private hospital in both rural and urban areas. Details are given in Annexure-I.

Under National Health Mission (NHM), support is provided to States/UTs for provision of free or subsidised healthcare services in public health facilities including free essential drugs and diagnostics. The cost of child birth in public facilities is considerably lower on account of programmes such as Janani Suraksha Yojana and Janani Sishu Suraksha Karyakram. Further, the cost of care, drugs and diagnostics in private facilities is higher than the public facilities.
(c): Yes, the government has noticed inter-state variation in expenditure of hospitalised treatment. State/UT-wise details are given in Annexure-II and Annexure -III.
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